### **Zoom Meeting Participant Protocols:**

- A meeting moderator will guide the meeting Agenda and coordinate the meeting logistics.
- There will be an opportunity to ask questions and/or provide comments at the end of the formal presentation.
- Questions/comment can either be entered into the "Q&A box", or can be addressed through the "raise your hand" option if you prefer to speak, or do not have web access.
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### Plaistow-Kingston 10044E





# Public Informational Meeting October 29, 2020

Plaistow-Kingston 10044E, NH Route 125



#### **Agenda:**

- Project Description / Purpose / Need
- How Did We Get Here?
- NH Route 125 Typical Roadway Section
- Updated Proposed Action
- Environmental Process/Resources
- Conclusion and Next Steps
- Questions / Comments

#### **Introductions:**

- Matthew Lampron, P.E. NHDOT, Project Manager
- Darren Blood, P.E. GM2 Associates Inc., Consultant Project Manager
- Maggie Baldwin, P.E. NHDOT, Bureau of Highway Design
- Marc Laurin NHDOT, Senior Environmental Manager

#### **Project Description:**

 Reconstruct from ¼-mile south of Plaistow-Kingston Town Line (approximately 400-ft north of Old County Road in Plaistow), extending 1.8-miles north to approximately 500-ft south of Newton Junction / Hunt Road in Kingston.

#### **Project Purpose and Need:**

 To address the operational, safety, and access related deficiencies of the corridor.



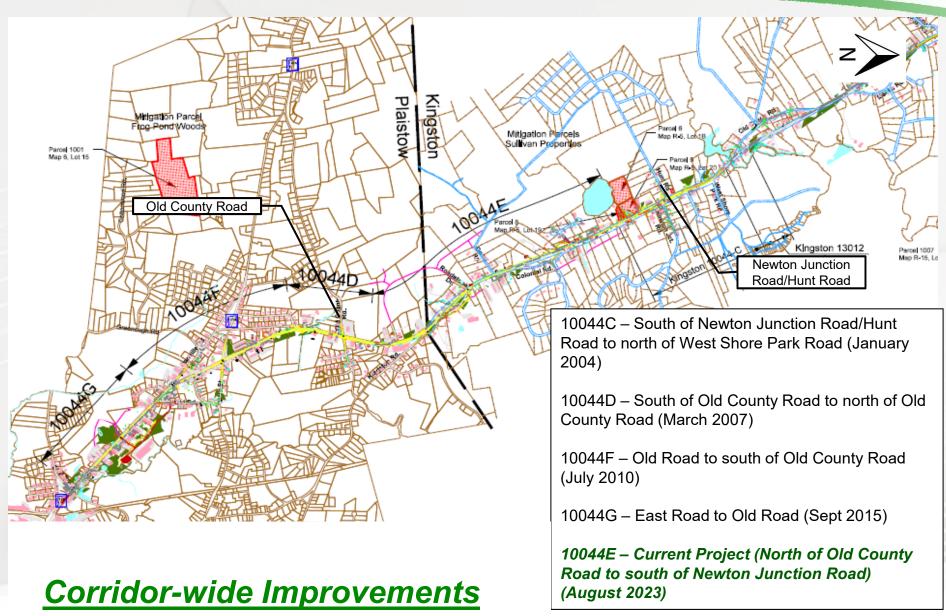
#### **How Did We Get Here?**

- NH Route 125 Corridor Feasibility Study (1999)
- Kingston Master Plan (2007)
- Plaistow Master Plan (2015)

NH Route 125 is the "key transportation corridor in the community, used as both a major commuter and commercial roadway linking the regional economies of NH and Mass."

- 2015 Plaistow Master Plan





### **Board of Selectmen Meeting - March 25, 2019**

#### Requested recommendations for members of the Working Group



NH Route 125 Improvements

Plaistow-Kingston, NH

#### **Public Involvement Plan**





The community-based Working Group has been formed and will act in an advisory capacity and help to inform NHDOT throughout the entire project. The members of the Working Group are listed below.

Working Group	
Name	Affiliation
David Walker	Rockingham Planning Commission
Michael Dorman	Town of Plaistow/Building Inspector
Glenn Coppelman	Town of Kingston/Planning Board
Richard St. Hilaire	Town of Kingston/Road Agent
Donald W. Briggs, Jr.	Town of Kingston/Police Chief/Selectman
Glenn Greenwood	Town of Kingston/Planning
Ellen Faulconer	Town of Kingston/Planning Board
Bill Seaman	Town of Kingston/Fire Chief
Tom Greer	Business Owner/Landscapers Depot
Brian Craven	Business Owner/Kingston Collision

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#### Public Involvement (to date):

- Board of Selectmen Meeting March 25, 2019
- Working Group Meeting #1 May 23, 2019
- Working Group Meeting #2 June 20, 2019
- Public Informational Meeting #1 October 17, 2019
- Working Group Meeting #3 January 23, 2020
- Public Information Meeting #2 October 29, 2020

#### Public Involvement (to be scheduled):

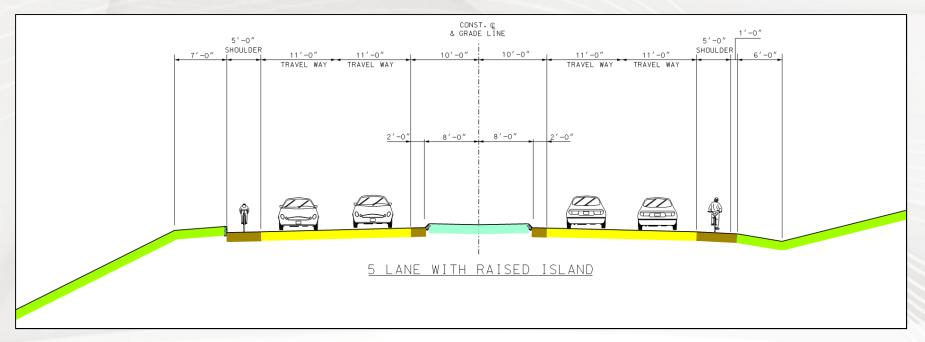
Public Hearing (2021)



#### NH Route 125 Typical Roadway Section (2004)

#### **Public Process:**

- Working Group Meetings
- Public Informational Meetings



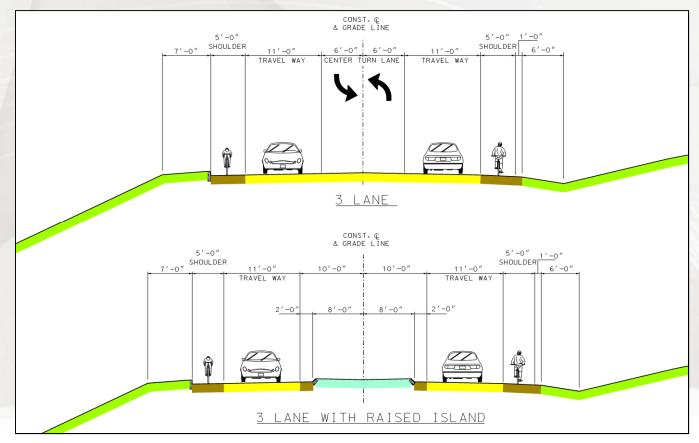
Public Hearing (2004)



#### NH Route 125 Typical Roadway Section (2019/2020)

#### Discussion topics:

- Traffic Volumes
- Roadway Typical Cross Sections
- Intersection/traffic Signal Evaluation



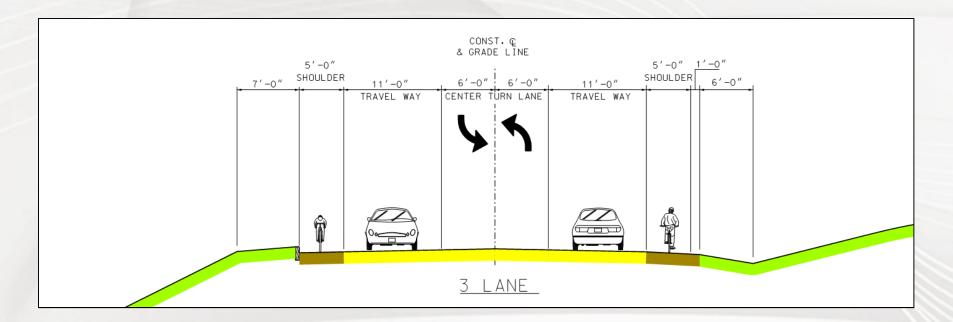
Working Group Meetings (2019)



#### NH Route 125 Typical Section (2019/2020)

#### Consensus:

- 3-Lane typical roadway section (1-lane each direction, center twoway left turning lane)
- 7-ft grassed panel, no sidewalk (future widening capacity)

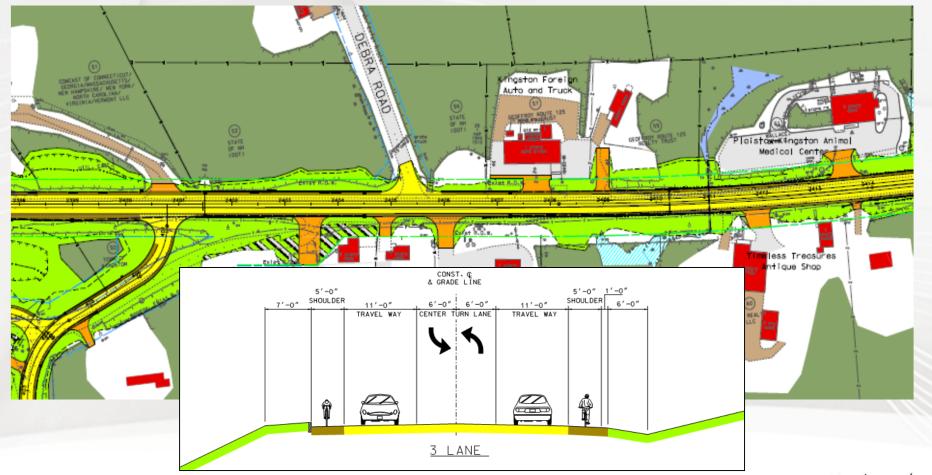


Updated Proposed Action (2019/2020)



### **Updated Proposed Action:**

- 3 Lane Section with Two Way Left Turn Lane (TWLTL)
- 7-ft Grassed Panel on Each Side, No Sidewalk



#### **Conclusion and Next Steps:**

- Public Hearing (2021)
- Right-of-Way (2021)
- Construction (2023)
- Anticipated Completion (2026)

#### Change in Impacts to Resources and Properties

#### 2004 Proposed Action

Wetland Impact – 1.95 acres

New Pavement – 3.0+ acres

**Building Acquisitions - 7** 

#### 2019/2020 Updated Proposed

**Action** 

Wetland Impact – 0.50 acres

New Pavement – 1.2 acres

**Building Acquisitions - 2** 

"MS4" Rules for Water Quality Treatment



## **National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA)**

- > Evaluated project alternatives.
- ➤ Identified the Proposed Action.
- Impacts to socioeconomic, cultural and natural resources of the Proposed Action assessed.
- ➤ Coordinating with environmental agencies.
- Preparing an environmental document
  - Re-Evaluation of the 2005 Environmental Assessment (EA).
- The environmental document will be made available to the public on DOT's website prior to the public hearing.

- ➤ Noise three (3) receptors impacted: two (2) will be acquired; noise abatement not feasible at the remaining receptor.
- Wetlands approximately 0.5 acres impacted (significant reduction from impacts in EA)
  - Will need to apply for a new NH Department of Environmental Services (DES) wetland permit.
  - Qualifies for US Corps of Engineers General Permit.
  - Mitigation was previously provided through the original permitting, no additional mitigation required.
  - Appropriate erosion and sediment control measures
     will be provided during construction.

- Contamination potential areas to be further evaluated in final design in consultation with DES.
- State Endangered/Threatened Species
  - No rare plants or natural communities identified.
  - Protected turtles may occur in area in coordination with the NH Fish & Game Department procedures to avoid and minimize impacts during construction will be detailed.
- > Federal Threatened Species
  - Northern Long-eared Bat due to the anticipated time of year tree removal, DOT will conduct an acoustical survey in 2021 to determine if they are present within the corridor and coordinate with US Fish & Wildlife Service.

- ➤ Invasive Plants to be managed in accordance with DOT's Best Management Practices manual.
- ➤ Limited Reuse Soils (LRS) are roadside soils within DOT ROW and any ground asphalt. A Soils Management Plan will be required of the contractor.
- ➤ Water Quality in accordance with MS4 permits, stormwater treatment measures have been identified and will be incorporated into the design.

- Cultural Resources coordinated with NH Division of Historical Resources
  - No Historic Properties Affected.
  - No archeological sites identified.
  - Work within 25 feet of Happy Hollow Cemetery will require archeological monitoring during construction.
  - One stonewall along Diamond Oaks Boulevard qualifies for reconstruction.

# **Questions/Comments?**

# **Reference Information**

• Project Website:

https://www.nh.gov/dot/projects/plaistow10044e/index.htm

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